

Report of the Medical Officer of Health
----- for the year 1902 -----

To the Chairman and Members of }
the Seaton Urban District Council }

Gentlemen

The births during 1902 number 155 boys and 10 girls. There were 22 deaths, but one was that of a young man, washed ashore here, but drowned elsewhere. The birth rate is 11.3 and the death rate 15.8 per thousand of the resident population, which, at the last census numbered 1325. This death rate is slightly above the average for the previous 10 years, which was 14.

Of the 21 deaths 14 are over 70, whilst only one infant, and one child of two years are included in the number, both dying from bronchitis.

Concerning the cause of death it is only necessary to specify one from phthisis and two from cancer - both the latter being over seventy. Four were certified as from "old age" only, whilst bronchitis and heart failure carried off most of the aged.

There is again no death from any of the Zymotic diseases.

I have only had one notification during the year - a case of facial erysipelas.

The low rate of Infantile Mortality and the absence of any death from Zymotic disease is most satisfactory.

There has been no complaint of any serious nuisance. A few minor ones have been promptly remedied without formal notice.

The sewerage system is in good working order. I have frequently inspected the main outfall
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and also the small one at the Septic Tank, and have not found any nuisance at either.

The scavenging of the streets, and the removal of house refuse have been efficient, and have given general satisfaction----

We have had 14,390,000 gallons of water through the meter during the year, which is equal to 28 gallons per head per day. This is less than last year, less having been used for street watering----

Rain fell at Seaton on many more days than usual, though the total for the year was only 26.4 inches, or about 2 inches below the average.

We again stand well in the "Summary of Reports" of Medical Officers of Health for South Devon for 1901. It says there, summarising Seaton Urban, "The decennial figures, except the birth-rate, are amongst the best; that referring to Zymotics being especially so---- Considerably more than half the deaths were in persons over 65 years of age"; in this respect it stands first of all places-----

In Conclusion I am glad to report that the general health of the District has been very good, and that all matters, connected with sanitation, have been satisfactory. It is my duty, however, to remind you that we still have no Isolation Hospital. Happily there has been no need for one during the past year, but we never know when a dangerous epidemic may appear amongst us, and it is better to make provision now, than to have to do so in a hurry, when the emergency is upon us-----

I am Gentlemen

Yours Obediently

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Eastern States Commission

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Medical Office of Warrenton

for 1902

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